

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments, Applicants have amended original claims 10 and 11, and have canceled original claim 9, without prejudice to the subject matter claimed thereby. Thus, claims 1-8 and 10-15 currently are pending and are subject to examination in the above-captioned patent application. No new matter is added by the foregoing amendments, and these amendments are fully supported by the specification. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action mailed June 30, 2005, the Examiner objected to claim 10 as allegedly being a substantial duplicate of claim 9. Applicants have canceled original claim 9, without prejudice to the subject matter claimed thereby. Therefore, the objection to claim 10 is rendered moot.

The Examiner rejected claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants have cancelled original claim 9, without prejudice to the subject matter claimed thereby. Therefore, the indefiniteness rejection of claim 9 is rendered moot. Moreover, Applicants have amended claims 10 and 11, and respectfully submit that amended claims 10 and 11 are definite. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the indefiniteness rejection of claims 10 and 11.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 12, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,628,067 B2 to Kobayashi et al. ("Kobayashi"). The Examiner also rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,693,611 to Burroughes. Moreover, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly being

anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,072,450 to Yamada et al. ("Yamada"). In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 14, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,498,592 to Matthies. To the extent that these rejections remain applicable in view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, as follows.

1. Independent Claim 1

Applicants' independent claim 1 describes an organic electroluminescent display device comprising "a plurality of light-emitting elements formed of light-emitting films above a substrate each containing organic electroluminescent materials and being sandwiched by a pair of electrodes, wherein each pixel of said display device is formed by two light-emitting elements producing two different colors of predetermined chromaticity values, and each of said colors has a gradation." Thus, in Applicants' claimed invention as set forth in independent claim 1, a multi-color display device is described in which each pixel comprises two light-emitting elements configured to produce two different colors, and each color has a gradation. Using the present invention, it is possible to independently control the gradation of each color, allow a two-color structure to provide various colors, with white in the center, for achieving high-quality quasi-color imaging (see, e.g., paragraph 0086 of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0012330).

a. Kobayashi

In contrast to Applicants' claimed invention as set forth in independent claim 1, Kobayashi merely produces one color which is white and does not have a gradation. For example, Kobayashi discloses a white light source formed by two-color dots, in which light emitting elements are formed by a common anode and a common cathode. Therefore, Kobayashi fails to disclose or suggest a multi-color display device that is configured to perform a degradation control on each dot and to control two different luminescent colors. In the present invention as set forth in independent claim 1, two-color dot elements may affect a degradation control so as to ensure a multi-color display by virtue of different anodes and different cathodes (not a common anode and a common cathode). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the anticipation rejection of claim 1 in view of Kobayashi at least for this reason.

b. Burroughes

In contrast to Applicants' claimed invention as set forth in independent claim 1, Burroughes merely discloses a multi-color display device that uses a plurality of luminescent elements of RGB+ α , and as such, Burroughes clearly fails to disclose or suggest a multi-color display device in which each pixel is formed by two light-emitting elements producing two different colors of predetermined chromaticity value, as set forth in Applicants' independent claim 1. The Examiner asserts that Burroughes discloses blue-white luminescent elements. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Burroughes merely discloses one luminescent element which produces a light having a wavelength between blue and white lights, as shown in Fig. 5, which indicates a blue-

white color of zone 44 indicated at 44a. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the anticipation rejection of claim 1 in view of Burroughs at least for this reason.

C. Matthies and Yamada

Similar to Kobayashi and Burroughes, Matthies and Yamada do not disclose or suggest a multi-color display device in which each pixel is formed by two light-emitting elements producing two different colors of predetermined chromaticity values, as set forth in Applicants' independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the anticipation rejection of claim 1 in view of each of Matthies and Yamada at least for this reason.

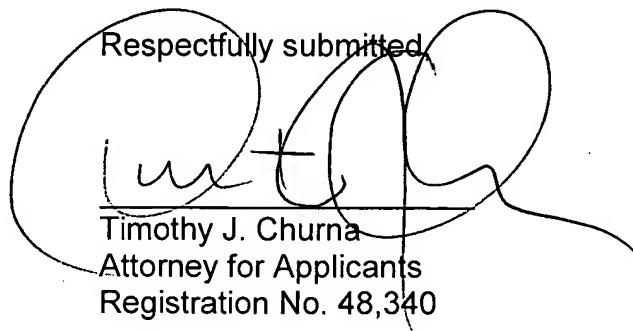
2. Dependent Claims 2-8 and 10-15

Claims 2-8 and 10-15 depend from allowable, independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the anticipation rejection of claims 2-8 and 10-15 at least for this reason.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-captioned patent application is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that an in-person or telephonic interview with Applicants' representatives would expedite the prosecution of the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of records. Applicants are enclosing a check in the amount of \$120.00 covering the requisite large entity fee for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and those determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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